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ABSTRACT

This receiving school guide provides information on course materials and services available for migrant students through the University of Texas (UT) Migrant Student Program. The UT Migrant Student Program focuses on graduation enhancement by providing courses that meet the graduation requirements of Texas. Students earn high school credit by working on courses at their own pace in any location. The courses are specifically designed to match the learning needs of migrant students and fulfill Texas curriculum requirements. The UT program offers study guides for correspondence courses that are written at a lower reading level and provide background skills. Credit for UT courses can be earned through correspondence courses, credit by examination, grading courses by the receiving school, or consolidating partial credit. Credit is entered by the school awarding credit. Receiving schools can orient students to the program by reviewing the materials students receive upon enrollment, explaining the instruction, and answering any questions the students may have. Students can also get help with course work by calling UT's 800 number. UT offers the following services: (1) training sessions for teachers, tutors, and administrators; (2) student progress reports; (3) follow-up services; (4) a toll-free number; (5) free postage for students enrolled in correspondence courses; (6) services to parents; (7) a visit to the UT campus; and (8) study aides for the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test. (KS)

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Migrant Student Program

RECEIVING SCHOOL GUIDE

The UT Migrant Student Program focuses on graduation enhancement by providing courses that meet the graduation requirements of Texas. Students earn high school credit by working on courses at their own pace in any location. The courses are specifically designed to match the learning needs of migrant students and fulfill Texas curriculum requirements.

Study Guides

The UT program offers study guides specifically designed for the migrant student. These guides, used for the correspondence courses, provide enriched content in an accessible form by lowering the reading level and providing background skills. Content is broken into short concentration units; vocabulary development is reinforced with exercises; lessons are interactive; and graphics reinforce concepts and structure. Each study guide meets the essential elements and is approved by the Texas Education Agency.

Seventeen study guides are available: Correlated Language Arts IA and IB, English IIA and IIB, English IIIA, Fundamentals of Math IA and IB, Pre-Algebra A and B, U.S. Government, Economics, U.S. History A and B, World Geography A and B, Individual and Family Life, and Health Education.

Study guides may be purchased through the UT Migrant Student Program. The cost is $20 each for all study guides except math. ~~Math guides are $24 each.~~ Most study guides require a textbook that may be purchased from the publisher. Publisher information is included with study guide orders.

Earning Credit with UT Courses

Receiving schools may use the UT courses to help students earn credit by enrolling students in the correspondence program, by enrolling them in the credit-by-exam program, by grading lessons independently, or by consolidating partial credit.

Correspondence Program. Correspondence courses are offered in the seventeen subjects listed under "Study Guides." To earn credit in the correspondence course, a student has twelve months to satisfactorily complete nine to twelve lessons and pass a final exam with a score of 70 or higher. Correspondence lessons are mailed to UT for grading and instructor feedback.

Since we know how crucial it is to select an appropriate course that will further a student's progress towards graduation, we offer assistance

in course selection. On request, we will mail the names and phone numbers of Texas counselors who can also assist you.

Once a course is selected, enroll students by calling the Migrant Student Program with the student's name, date of birth, and MSRTS number. Enrollment materials will arrive in approximately one week.

UT has scholarships available for students who are from nonproject Texas districts, who have an incomplete, or who are behind schedule. For other students the cost is ~~$100.00~~ $120.00 per course. This price includes the study guide, textbook, lesson grading, final exam, postage, phone calls, and student services.

Credit-by-Exam Program. We offer credit by exam for all of our courses at a cost of $30 per exam. Receiving schools may use UT study guides to prepare students for credit by exam. To request an exam, call 1-800-444-1905. The exam and an exam review will be mailed to the testing supervisor you specify. After the student takes the supervised exam, return it to us for grading by the instructor. Students must score 70 or higher to receive credit. UT awards the credit, issues a transcript, and enters the grade on MSRTS.

Grading Lessons Independently. As a receiving school, you may choose to grade the study guide lessons independently. In this case, you may purchase study guides from the Migrant Student Program and the required textbooks from the publisher. Answer keys may also be purchased from us. Most study guides have six instructor-graded lessons and three computer-graded lessons. Math study guides have nine computer-graded and three instructor-graded lessons.

If you grade your students' lessons, you may either use the credit-by-exam program or develop and administer your own final exams. Final exam reviews are included with the credit-by-exam program.

Consolidating Partial Credit. When students have partial credit in a course, the lessons in the UT study guides may be used to consolidate credit. Each lesson equals seven to nine clock hours of course work depending on the total number of lessons in the course. You may enroll students in the correspondence program for partial credit, or you may grade lessons from the UT study guides and award partial credit independently.

Entering Credit on MSRTS

Credit should be entered by the school awarding credit. If UT awards credit, we will enter it under UTCC. If your school awards credit, you should enter it as UTCC preceded by your state's initials. For example, if Montana awards credit, their credit accrual entry will read MTUTCC.

Identifying Texas-enrolled Students

Many students are enrolled in a UT course by their Texas districts. The enrollment records for these students will entered on the MSRTS under UTCC. We recommend that teachers also ask their Texas students whether they are enrolled in a UT course. We will send student progress reports periodically to receiving schools who have identified Texas-enrolled students.

Some states pre-identify students who will migrate in the spring and contact the Texas district so the students may be enrolled in courses from their home districts before they migrate.

Assisting Students

You can orient students to the program by reviewing the materials students receive upon enrollment, explaining the instructions, and answering any questions the students may have. Students can also get help with course work by calling our 800 number, or by writing notes to the instructors on lesson cover sheets.

Many receiving schools assist students enrolled in courses by providing tutorial sessions. Students who receive tutorial assistance have a higher success rate. Student progress reports help teachers identify students who are not making progress so they can arrange to help them. We recommend that you set a pace for each student that allows plenty of time to master the content. Students who do not finish all their lessons while they are in your program may continue to work upon their return to Texas.

Assistance can also be provided to students who do not enter receiving schools. Recruiters can give students our 800 number, help

them with their course work or with course enrollment, assist with mailing lessons, and help with calls to UT.

UT Services

Training Sessions. UT training sessions for teachers, tutors, and administrators may be scheduled on request. Some states schedule training sessions for their annual migrant education conferences.

Student Progress Reports. We send student progress reports to receiving schools who enroll students and to the sites where Texas-enrolled students migrate. On request, we will send student progress reports to receiving schools throughout the year.

Followup Services. When students migrate to receiving schools, we will notify a contact person at the migration site if directory information is available. When students return to Texas, we will find a contact in the Texas district.

Toll-Free Number. The UT Migrant Student Program has a national 800 number, 1-800-444-1905. Bilingual assistance is available.

Free Postage. Students enrolled in a correspondence course receive postage-paid envelopes for mailing in lessons.

Services to Parents. We provide bilingual print materials for parents: a pamphlet that explains the program, a contract that tells how parents can help their children succeed with their courses, a card with our 800 number, and a "Parent Rights" card that lists the legal rights of a parent with a child in public school. We also give presentations to parents on request.

Visit to the UT Campus. Students are invited to participate in an annual visit to the UT Austin campus. Students attend a luncheon and awards

ceremony, tour the UT campus, and attend a meeting with the Admissions Office.

TAAS Assistance. Since students must pass the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test as well as earn the necessary credit to graduate in Texas, we have developed several TAAS study aids. Exit Level Mathematics and Language Arts Teacher's Manuals and Student Activity Sets are available to help teachers prepare migrant students for the TAAS test. Teacher's manuals are $25 each, and Student Activity Sets are $8.50 each. For orders of 30 or more Activity Sets, the price is $7.50 each.

In addition, TAAS Exit Level Student Strategy Guides in Mathematics, Written Communication, and Reading Comprehension are distributed to students enrolled in UT migrant student courses who will take Exit Level TAAS. Strategy Guides are also available for purchase for $12 per Guide. For orders of 30 or more, the Guides are $10.00 each. Materials may be ordered by calling our 800 number.

For More Information

To order materials or to obtain more information about the Migrant Student Program, contact:

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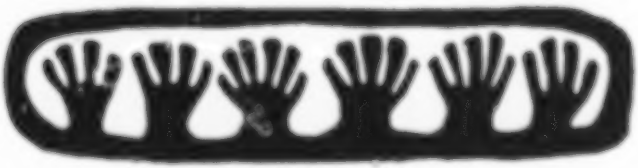

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